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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head  
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Dear John:

I have just received your message expressing the intention of sending one of your people to Kyrenia in early June for a coverage conference. This is surely an appropriate time for such a meeting not only due to frequency changes but because of the heightened interest in Africa.

Since the beginning of the year there have been at least two indications that the Egyptians intend to expand their broadcasting and one indication that this expansion may be directed toward "Black Africa." I refer specifically to a broadcast calling for applications of people qualified in Tigre or Tigrinia. It seems to me that we may expect even greater efforts on the part of the Egyptians to influence African natives, perhaps as far as Nigeria and the Gold Coast, in the next few years.

We are not at all sure what should be done to meet this problem if and when it arises but as a first step we have instructed our Mediterranean Bureau to attempt to secure qualified linguists in Eruanese dialects, Amharic and Somali. Further, [ ] is planning some tests in East Africa late this summer which may give us more information on what is needed to adequately cover that area of the world.

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Another problem and one which I believe will be more easily resolved is North Africa. As you know, Spanish Morocco, Tangier and Tunisia and Nigeria are beyond our present monitoring capabilities. We have made arrangements with the Voice of America which operates

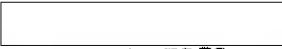
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a relay station in Tangier to use their space and power for a reception survey which we hope to undertake in July. It is our thought that a small station located in Tangier or perhaps the south coast of Spain or in Majorca could complement our combined coverage of this critical area. Of course I have no assurance that the project would be approved, but I am confident that the reception survey will be authorized.

With this background I think that our representatives at the coverage meeting will be better prepared to discuss summer plans. For my part, I will keep you advised of progress and would appreciate word from you on any steps you are taking to improve our joint position for coverage of Egypt, Africa and the Near East.

Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

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